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Sir/Madam

In response to the Office letter mailed 07/13/2005

1. The claim distinguish's over the references under sec.102

The claim of this application distinguish's over the references under sec.102 because the claim recite's a hook having a reversing bight suffiently opposite of said hook a second bight suffiently opposite of that bight.

2. The cited and relied upon Reed (US 4,997,222) show's a shaft having one end wound at least one full turn about a relatively short portion of a longitudinal axis of said shaft, the wound having at least one full coil, the coils tapering toward said wound end, a spherical tip on said wound end of shaft, said wound end of shaft having a course surface. And the other end of shaft comprising a slotted extension of said shaft with this end being spiralled and helical.

Whereas the claim of this appn. shows two reversing bights and not a coil wound about a short longitudinal axis with a tapering end having a course surface, and the other end comprising a slotted extension with this end being spiralled and helicoiled as does Reed (US 4,997,222). Whereas the Bungee Adjuster of this appn. could not function properly with any or all of these components, and could only function properly with the reversing bights.

3. The cited and relied upon Nolen et al.(US 5,732,447) shows a hook with a buttoner bend and also a first, second and middle portion with the first and middle portions being planar and second and

middle portions being planar and first and second portions being nonplanar.

Whereas the claim of this appn. shows a hook with no buttoner bend, if the hook of this appn. had a buttoner bend the buttoner bend would interfere with the operation of the bungee adjuster. Also Nolan (US 5,732,447) shows that two portions being nonplanar whereas this appn. shows that the bights are in a relatively planar position and the bungee adjuster could not function properly if the bights were in a nonplanar position.

Since the claim of this appn. recites features which are not present in any reference, applicant submits that the claim clearly recites novel physical features which distinguish over any and all references under sec. 102. The applicant submits that the above recite novel features in the claim of this appn. and provided new and unexpected results and hence should be considered unobvious making the claim patentable under Sec. 102.

Very respectfully

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